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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING  
THE DYNAMIC RANGE OF LASER DETECTED  
ULTRASOUND IN ATTENUATIVE  
MATERIALS

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Dear Sir:

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Applicant submits three (3) sheets of formal drawings consisting of FIG. 1 (Prior Art), 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 4.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 8571:73.

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